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REMARKS

Reconsideration of the above identified application is respectfully requested.

In response to the objection of claim 11, claim 11 has been amended to remove the extraneous reference numeral "11."

Accordingly, withdrawal of the claim objection is warranted and is requested.

Applicants traverse the rejection of claims 1-4, 11-17, 24, and 25 under Section 102(e) over USP 6832889 - Lee et al.

Attached is a Declaration under Rule 132 by inventor Lee who is common to both the applied reference and the present application.

The declaration indicates that the subject matter disclosed, but not claimed, in the Lee patent '889 and used in the present rejection by the examiner is attributable to inventor Lee, and his present co-inventors as stated in the declaration, and was not invented by inventor Lee's co-inventors in patent '889.

The invention in the '889 patent and the present invention were developed in a common program for the same assignee under the same USAF contract, and share common turbine blade features.

However, the '889 patent claims the integrated bridge invention, and the present application claims the converging pin cooling invention.

The '889 patent therefore is not available as a reference since it does not describe the invention "by another" as would be relevant to the present claims.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-4, 11-17, 24, and 25 under Section 102(e) over USP 6832889 - Lee et al is warranted and is requested.

Applicants note the allowability of objected-to claims 5-10 and 18-23, but the rewriting thereof is not warranted.

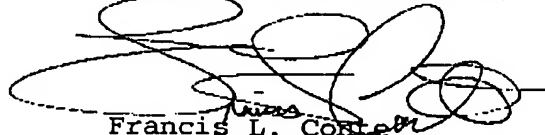
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In accordance with the duty imposed by 37 CFR 1.104 and MPEP sections 707, 707.05, 707.07, and 707.07(g), the examiner is requested to reconsider all the art of record, to ensure full compliance with the required thoroughness of examination.

In re Portola Packaging, Inc., 42 USPQ2d 1295 (Fed. Cir. 1997) emphasizes the importance of complying with this duty to ensure that all references of record have been fully considered by the examiner in the various combinations thereof. And, the Board of Appeals has further elaborated on the importance of this examiner duty in Ex parte Schricker, 56 USPQ2d 1723 (B.P.A.I. 2000).

In view of the above remarks, allowance of all claims 1-25 over the art of record is warranted and is requested.

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Attachment: Declaration under 37 CFR 1.132 (4 pages)